Employment of precise word choice

Maintenance of a consistent, appropriate style and tone

Command of the conventions of standard written English

ESSAY SAMPLE

SKILL-BUILDING STRATEGY

[illegible] Times [illegible] Originally published December 21, 2012

[illegible] in the United States [illegible] never know a sky dark enough [illegible] that the SAT Essay [illegible] evidence-based [illegible] aims, not their [illegible] opinions. [illegible] of darkness.

[illegible] reduction [illegible] the national and state [illegible] levels. Our bodies need darkness to produce the [illegible] which keeps certain [illegible] and our bodies need [illegible] darkness [illegible] have been linked to diabetes, obesity, [illegible] cardiovascular disease and depression, and recent research suggests one [illegible] notebooks and smartphones to bed, there isn't a place for this much artificial light in our lives.

The rest of the world depends on darkness as well, including [illegible] nocturnal and crepu[illegible] farmers [illegible] that save American [illegible]

[illegible]

simply turning off portions of their public lighting after midnight. Even [illegible] turns off its monument.

[illegible] we become aware of the irrecuperable [illegible] beauty of the darkness we are losing.

Scoring Explanation (400–500 words)

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